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Application Number	09/744,809
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Art Unit	1754
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other      Preliminary Amendment

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b.  Other

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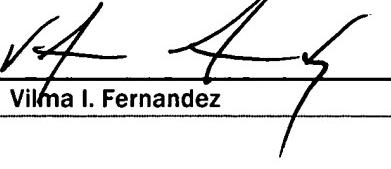
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114. Prior to taking up this application for continued examination, it is respectfully requested that the preliminary amendment be entered and the remarks be considered.